

TEAM JJAEP 2021: JJAEP Business

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I hope we can help you move from
this, our challenging year:



To this: 'it' is over and we can move on



To celebrating our successes:



Funding information: Updates to JJAEP Rider in the General Appropriations Act

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We were very successful this past year in having staff and students working together in following health guidelines to keep each other safe from COVID.

Will JJAEPs be able to receive reimbursement for virtual/remote learning days in the 2021-22 school year?

As an option for students who must be out for extended periods due to contagious illnesses?

With Juvenile Board approval as part of the calendar?

Our NEW JJAEP: Ellis County

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Legislation passed (No New Offenses):

PASSED

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HB 159	Improving training and development for educators Section 9- sch dist part
HB 246	Cannot release name of school employee until indicted
HB 785	Behavior improvement/intervention plans
HB 999	Relating to use of individual graduation committees for certain high school students; not required to consider criteria under Subsection (h) relating to performance on an end-of-course assessment instrument

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SB 1267	Continuing ed for educators and school district personnel
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Legislation that did not pass:

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Data Clean Up

- Allie is taking care of data clean up
- Data clean up info will be sent by the end of July.
- We need all your corrections to be entered by the end of August.
- **Please help us:** go to JJAEP database and compare all your student attendance submitted to TJJD with the actual students who are listed in the JJAEP data, can you see them all listed? Are they complete? If you exited them prior to July, does their exit information show in the data?

Standards & Program Review Visits in 2021-2022 school year

- ▶ 2020-2021- 17 completed successfully;
- ▶ Process: virtual, submit paperwork early before the visit
- ▶ If return to travel,
 - ▶ will continue virtual paperwork and exit,
 - ▶ with a short visit to complete interviews and see searches

Coming up: JJAEP Performance Report and your assistance: COSTING REPORT & SURVEY



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November
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Wednesday July 14, 2021 (2.00 Hours for the day) 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Collaborative Meeting

Description: Programs will meet to discuss their programs in review. Programs will also have an opportunity for strategic planning to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Wednesday July 21, 2021 (1.50 Hours for the day) 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Special Education, 504, and Education as a Second Language (ESL) Updates

Description: Find out what has changed since COVID 19, what to expect for next school year; what/how to document to support students with special education, 504, and ESL needs.

Wednesday August 4, 2021 (1.25 Hours for the day) 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Textbooks and supplemental materials

Description: Programs will learn about the various textbooks and supplemental materials they can request as well as additional resources that are available for their students.

Wednesday August 11, 2021 (1.25 Hours for the day) 10:00 am – 11:15 am

Looking for the “Why” in the Behavior

Presenter: Susan Palacios, TJJJ Probation

Facilitator: Alawan Thomas, TJJJ/JJAEP Education Specialist

We look forward to seeing you at our other JJAEP Conference Presentations, really...



Team JJAEP conference, July 14, 2021



JJAEP Business:

1. If you did not send an email yesterday or this morning, please put in chat helpful activities, system changes, and successes from this last challenging year.
 - a. Delivering school work to student's homes helped those students continue their education who had no access to WIFI.
 - b. Second, was availability of a drive-by resource fair for families (Bexar).
 - c. Virtual TJJJ Compliance Monitoring Visit (Travis)
 - d. Virtual collaborative meetings with other JJAEPs (Travis)

Good Morning Dr. Welsch,

What a great kick off presentation this morning. We appreciate all of the updates you provided.

I did want to share some successes from 2020-2021 school year.

Bell County

- Partnered with the Fort Hood Adopt-A-School Unit providing active duty soldiers an opportunity to mentor students for one hour a week throughout the entire school year.

- At the end of the year, Fort Hood Soldiers invited their mentees (JJAEP Students) to go on the military installation for a cooking demonstration to include a coining ceremony. Students were presented challenge coins bearing the battalion insignia with their core values.
- Cameron County
- Hosted drive-by celebratory graduation ceremonies to 13 students throughout the 20-21 school year.
- CCJJAEP also presented families with framed photos of their graduates in their cap and gowns. The Program Director requested cap and gowns from their home school campus which was provided free of charge.
- CCJJAEP also had the honor of presenting actual diplomas to 3 students from a local school district.

Bexar County

- Hosted the drive-thru community resource fair (Erica sent the details).
- The Program Director also provided additional tutoring hours after school from 4PM-5PM. The PD disseminated a virtual flyer to students and parents announcing the opportunity.
- Hosted Virtual Open House leveraging multiple technology applications to maximize student and family engagement.
- Hidalgo County
- Partnered with local district to allow JJAEP student to participate in commencement ceremonies.
- Continued to provide instruction outside of the students' home whether that be in the driveway, sidewalk, or picnic table.

Nueces County

- Partnered with Texas A&M Agrilife to build two new garden beds. Students had the opportunity to plant various flowers and vegetables. Harvested veggies will go to the students and their families.
- Hosted a virtual Open House in which featured guest speakers from the local community. This included individuals from a local college, and Behavioral Health. Open House also included door prizes that were donated such as gift cards to restaurants, a donation of 1 free haircut, and more.
- JJAEP Students were given the opportunity to participate in the 2021 Port of Corpus Christi Visionarios Youth Art Contests. Students were provided with materials to paint and create their artwork. Two students submitted artwork into the contest.
- Incentives for student engagement were provided based on perfect weekly attendance. Students with perfect attendance had the opportunity to spin a prize wheel. Prizes included care packages with their favorite snack items, ear buds, socks, etc. The prizes were delivered via home visits to students participating remotely.

Thank you!

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Our Mission: Opening doors to opportunity so individuals can achieve their dreams.

Jefferson: 1. we are equipped for virtual learning. 2. With this we are making a plan to use this in cases of hurricanes and other weather problems.

Montgomery: It helped by having a designated JSO over the Distance Learning students while the other JSOs took care of their team of in-person students.

Montgomery: It also was helpful for our Counselor to conduct her groups by going to one classroom/team per day to conduct her group. This helped with maintain social distancing and the prevention of accidentally exposing students to the virus. Each student had a chance to participate in group counseling which was good considering the weird year they were having.

Agenda:

Funding information - Rider Information

How does funding look for the upcoming school year regarding Mandatory and Discretionary Expulsions? Does TJJD anticipate a reduction in funding next year?

We were very successful this past year in having staff and students working together in following health guidelines to keep each other safe from Covid.

TBRI (Trust Based Relational Intervention) has been a focus of our program that has driven a positive and relationship-building environment.

Will our rate continue to be \$86?

Will JJAEPs be able to receive reimbursement for virtual/remote learning days in the 2021-22 school year? Austin Public Health has encouraged Travis County schools to provide virtual learning as an option for students who must be out for extended periods due to contagious illnesses where students are required to quarantine/isolate. If the Juvenile Board allows us to provide virtual instruction in these specific cases, can we still count virtual days as attendance days?

If you did not send an email yesterday or this morning, please in chat add at least two questions that you have about the upcoming year. We will address in the collaborative session if not answered here. Welcome a new JJAEP: Ellis County

Data Clean Up hope to send everybody a data cleanup sheet by the end of July. Please – review your students listed in JJAEP database and your attendance sheets to ensure all students are on your attendance and in the JJAEP database.

Standards & Program Review Visits in 2020-2021 school year; Are there areas of the audit that TJJD will be auditing differently that were affected by COVID-19? (Bexar); Virtual TJJD Compliance Monitoring Visit (Travis);

Calendar issues; School Day and Early Release Waivers; last year and next year

Updating waivers to include the February Freeze

Costing Report and Survey not moving to the new grant manager system, will be sent by email..

Legislative Updates Bill passed and not: Do you anticipate any upcoming changes to the Offense Codes? (A Mandatory expulsion becoming Discretionary or a Discretionary expulsion becoming Mandatory, for instance) None at this time.

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